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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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Week ending July 31, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 31, 2011**. Most of the state got rains last week improving conditions. Corn harvesting has begun in some areas. Growers are spraying for insects as needed and there have been reports of armyworms in hay fields. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 15 percent short, 78 percent, adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending July 31, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	100	100	100	100
Corn, dough	98	96	99	98
Corn, dent	88	82	89	87
Corn, mature	23	6	35	31
Corn, harvested	2	--	1	1
Cotton, squaring	99	97	100	100
Cotton, setting bolls	82	63	96	91
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	73	67	65	67
Peanuts, pegging	100	100	99	99
Rice, headed	79	58	86	66
Sorghum, heading	94	85	100	98
Sorghum, coloring	37	29	61	55
Soybeans, blooming	97	95	99	99
Soybeans, setting pods	84	74	89	90
Soybeans, turning color	5	3	9	14
Watermelons, harvested	89	78	94	95

Crop condition for week ending July 31, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	14	14	32	28	12
Cotton	2	7	23	50	18
Hay	10	17	26	42	5
Livestock	3	11	41	35	10
Pasture	11	7	29	44	9
Peanuts	0	0	45	30	25
Rice	1	4	29	46	20
Sorghum	1	6	20	62	11
Soybeans	5	10	22	49	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	8	27	56	9

## Comments

“Rains are becoming more frequent and getting closer to normal patterns. However, there are still some spots in the county that are extremely dry. Irrigated crops continue to look very promising and the first of the dryland corn is not far from being harvested.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Adequate rain fell all over the county. Cotton looks great. Rain will help soybeans, pasture and hay.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Most of the area got some rain last week. Some soybean growers sprayed for worms and/or stink bugs this past week. Spraying for insects in cotton continued as normal. Some corn growers have terminated irrigation.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Essentially all of our dryland corn has sustained severe damage resulting from drought and high temperatures; and rains have come too late to help it. Other crops are on track for good yields at this time.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Most of county has received sufficient rains; some areas could benefit from more. Cotton and peanuts are looking really good. Hay fields are improving and if the rain would break, hay cutting would begin. There may be some hope to get another cutting. Some beef producers are selling calves and cull cows to take advantage of higher prices.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Corn harvest should start in a couple of weeks. We are still treating insects in soybeans and cotton.”  
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“We had a good rainfall this week over most of the county. It really helped young soybeans but it's too little too late to help dryland corn. It also should be a kick in the pants for the cotton crop too.”  
— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The last 10 days have brought much needed rain. It has ranged from about 4 inches to over 8. The rain caught the soybeans and cotton at a good time. Most corn is within 10 days of maturity.”  
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn harvest has begun. Rice water draining is steadily increasing. Soybeans are still being watered. Farmers are spraying for stink bugs in rice.”  
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Hay is really growing now that we have some water, but the armyworms are reaping the benefit of the tender grass growth. Some gardeners are preparing for fall gardens since the summer gardens burned up.”  
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Very scattered showers keep occurring almost daily. It's hampering hay harvest, but welcomed for the crops and pastures.”  
— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“Recent rains have turned many cattle farms, which looked like a desert, into an oasis of grass. Rainfall has varied greatly throughout the county anywhere from 2-10 inches in the last week. However, now here comes the army worms. Producers are way behind on warm season hay harvest.”  
— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending July 31, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Charleston	98	72	84	81	3	1.24	0.37	3	1.77
Clarksdale	95	73	83	82	1	0.15	-0.61	2	2.95
Cleveland	98	73	85	83	2	0.41	-0.34	2	5.83
Lambert 1W	98	74	84			0.78	0.08	1	0.95
Extreme/Average	98	72	84	82	2	0.65	-0.11	2	3.24
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville	98	73	84	80	4	0.36	-0.43	4	1.08
Hickory Flat	99	69	83	80	3	0.00	-0.95	0	2.22
Holly Springs	99	68	83	79	4	0.08	-0.85	2	1.84
Independence	97	72	83	80	3	0.68	-0.09	3	1.64
Oxford	98	72	84	80	4	1.48	0.64	3	7.17
Extreme/Average	99	68	83	81	2	0.52	-0.34	2	2.79
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	96	68	82	80	2	0.01	-0.85	1	1.69
Corinth 7SW	96	71	83	82	1	0.00	-0.87	0	1.94
Pontotoc Exp	95	72	83	81	2	1.12	0.24	1	3.05
Verona	98	72	84	81	3	1.75	0.98	2	3.31
Extreme/Average	98	68	83	81	2	0.72	-0.14	1	2.50
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Belzoni				82		2.69	1.62	4	2.76
Moorhead				83		3.65	2.75	2	7.43
Rolling Fork	97	69	84	82	2	0.95	0.15	3	5.28
Yazoo City	97	73	84	82	2	1.89	0.98	4	4.63
Extreme/Average	97	69	84	83	1	2.30	1.44	3	5.03
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	93	71	82	82	0	3.37	2.53	5	9.78
Forest 3S	93	69	82	81	1	2.02	0.81	4	6.68
Kosciusko	94	73	83	82	1	4.49	3.33	4	8.78
Winona 5E	94	70	81	78	3	3.75	2.83	4	15.13
Extreme/Average	94	69	82	81	1	3.41	2.43	4	10.09
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	97	73	84	81	3	0.28	-0.49	2	1.10
Columbus				82		0.00	-0.90	0	2.06
Macon	94	72	82	81	1	0.03	-0.94	3	3.06
State University	97	71	83	81	2	0.94	0.03	3	4.31
Extreme/Average	97	71	83	81	2	0.31	-0.62	2	2.63
<b>Southwest</b>									
Brookhaven City	91	72	81	81	0	0.41	-0.64	3	5.95
Crystal Springs	94	71	82	82	0	0.26	-0.59	1	6.74
Natchez	93	72	82	82		1.24	0.39	6	3.42
Vicksburg City	94	74	84			1.28		5	2.47
Extreme/Average	94	71	82	82	0	0.80	-0.18	4	4.65
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	93	71	80	81	-1	0.30	-0.77	1	5.07
Columbia	95	74	83	82	1	1.29	0.08	3	10.55
Monticello	96	73	83	82	1	0.14	-0.88	3	4.55
Raleigh 6N	92	71	81			1.92		4	5.31
Extreme/Average	96	71	82	82	0	0.91	-0.26	3	6.37
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	89	70	79	82	-3	2.00	0.74	4	9.28
Laurel	94	71	81	82	-1	3.46	2.28	6	9.93
Waynesboro 2W	91	72	81	81		2.20	1.15	4	5.92
Extreme/Average	94	70	80	81	-1	2.55	1.39	5	8.38
<b>State</b>	99	68	82	81	1	1.46	0.50	3	5.42

DFN = Departure from Normal.